

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

15-30. Reduce hospital emergency department visits for nonfatal dog bite injuries.

National Data Source	National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS), CDC, NCHS.
State Data Source	Not identified.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised baseline (see Comments).
Measure	Rate per 100,000 population (age adjusted—see Comments).
Baseline (Year)	151.5 (1997)
Target	114.0
Target-Setting Method	Better than the best racial/ethnic subgroup. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of emergency room visits for dog bite injuries (first-listed ICD-9-CM codes E906.0).
Denominator	Number of persons.
Population Targeted	U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1997–98 National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: ➤ <i>Cause of injury. Describe events that preceded injury (e.g., reaction to penicillin, wasp sting, driver in motor vehicle traffic accident involving collision with parked vehicle, shot with a handgun during a brawl, etc.)</i> _____ _____
Expected Periodicity	Annual.
Comments	The original baseline of 151.4 emergency room visits for dog bites per 100,000 population was

revised due to a change in the age adjustment methodology. No change in the target (114.0 per 100,000 population) was required.

Data are age adjusted to the 2000 standard population using the age groups 0-17, 18-44, 45-64, 65-74, and 75 years and over. Age-adjusted percents are weighted sums of age-specific percents. For a discussion of age adjustment see Part A, section 7.

For some measures, data do not meet the criteria for statistical reliability, data quality, or confidentiality and have been suppressed. Information on suppression of data for the major Healthy People 2010 data systems has been published in a *Healthy People Statistical Note*.¹

See Part C for a discussion of NHAMCS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.

References

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